

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing.
The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.
A separate Statement to this effect is attached. No new matter has been added.

A copy of the Notice dated December 27, 2001, is attached.

In response to the Notice, the applicants attach a copy of formal drawings. No new matter has been added.

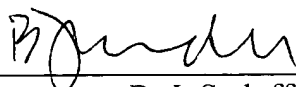
The Examiner is requested to confirm in her First Action that the amendments to the first page of the specification requested on the applicants' Request of November 29, 2001, relating to the claim for priority to earlier applications, has been entered.

The undersigned believes the present paper and attachments are completely responsive to the requirements of the attached Notice however the Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise and allow additional time for responding with any further required item.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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